REMARKS

Claims 1-15 are pending. By this Preliminary Amendment, claims 6-15 are amended to eliminate multiple dependencies and typographical errors. Prompt and favorable examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

The attached Appendix includes marked-up copies of each rewritten claim (37 C.F.R. §1.121(c)(1)(ii)).

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APPENDIX

Changes to Claims:

The following are marked-up versions of the amended claims:

- 6. (Amended) Actuator according to any of the preceding claims, claim 1, wherein the extensic gear wheel (24) is rotatably supported with respect to the excentric hub (23) by means of a rolling element bearing (30).
- 7. (Amended) Actuator according to any of the preceding claims, claim 1; wherein the motor (2) is an electric motor, the stator (6) of which is connected to the housing (1).
- 8. (Amended) Actuator according to any of the preceding claims, claim 1, wherein the gear reduction mechanisme (4) is at the end of the screw mechanism (3) opposite the end thereof engaging an actuating means (38) for a brake pad (39).
- 9. (Amended) Actuator according to any of the preceding claims, claim 1, wherein the screw (16) of the screw mechanism (3) is rotatably supported by means of a support bearing (11) with respect to a central support shaft (13), the gear ring (23) and the gear wheel (24) of the reduction gear mechanism (4) surrounding said central support shaft (13).
- 10. (Amended) Actuator according to any of the preceding claims, claim 1, wherein the screw (16) has a bore (35) containing a lubricant reservoir (36).
- 11. (Amended) Actuator according to any of the preceding claims, claim 1, wherein the gear reduction mechanism (4) and a positive back-drive mechanism (37) are contained in a gear reduction module (40).
- 12. (Amended) Actuator according to any of the preceding claims, claim 1, wherein the gear reduction module (40) comprises a central support shaft (13) for supporting the screw mechanism (3).
- 13. (Amended) Actuator according to any of the preceding claims, claim 1, wherein the screw mechanism (3), a support bearing (11) for supporting the screw mechanism (3), the

rotor (7) of the motor (2) as well as a bearing (9) for supporting the rotor (7) on the screw mechanism (3) are contained in a actuator module (41).

- 14. (Amended) Actuator according to any of the preceding claims, claim 1, wherein the housing (1), the stator (6) and electric connections for the motor (2) are contained in a housing module (42).
- 15. (Amended) Brake caliper, comprising a claw piece with at least two brakes, and an actuator according to any of the preceding claims. claim 1.